Districts Covered by the Comprehensive Crops Insurance Scheme

495. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) which are the districts covered by Government of India for Crop Insurance Scheme, give the names, district-wise;

(b) what is the total amount of claims cleared by General Insurance Corporation in each of these districts in last three years;

(c) what is the total amount of payment made by Government of India to farmers in each of these districts; and

(d) when the Government is likely to pay the entire amount in each of the districts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) to (d) District-wise information regarding implementation of Comprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme is not collected at the Central Government level and is, therefore, not available. However, State-wise details regarding claims approved (including 2|3rd share of the Government of India, and paid by the General Insurance Corporation for the last three years are indicated in the enclosed Statement. (*See* Appendix CXLVI, Annexure No. 16). Although no time frame has been fixed for the payment of remaining claims, the General Insurance Corporation have been advised to expedite the payment on receipt of crop cutting experiment data from the State Governments.

Central assistance for the upliftment of SC & ST in Orissa

496. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Government of Orissa has drawn up an ambitious plan for the uplift of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in the State as reported in the Hindustan Times of 14th April, 1988;

(b) if so, whether Central assistance has been sought for the purpose; and

(c) the nature of assistance sought and assistance given for the uplift of Tribal population of the State?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUMATI ORAON): (a) to (c) State Government of Orissa have reported as follows:—

"10 specific schemes for prevention of shifting cultivation in 210 villages in the districts of Koraput, Ganjam, Phulbani, Keonjhar, Kalahandi and Sundargarh had been submitted to Govt. of India, Ministry of Agriculture in 1987-88. The Scheme cost was Rs. 1644 lakhs. It will be implemented in these villages covering about 6,181 families over a period of 5 years. The families practising shifting cultivation would be rehabilitated and the assistance provided would be about Rs. 30,000 per family. Similar schemes are being prepared for other areas.

In the first phase, the Ministry of Agriculture had released Rs. 208 lakhs in the financial year 1987-88 and in the current financial year they are likely to release Rs. 340 lakhs. For development of 9 communication links in Tribal areas inhabited by primitive tribes, Ministry of Welfare had sanctioned Rs. 128 lakhs in the financial year 1987-88. Similar schemes are being submitted during the current financial year.

A special Tribal development project with the assistance from International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) covering Kashipur block of Koraput District is being